



Scout Trails

Scout Troop 211
Boy Scout Troop 211, sponsored by the Howard Wood PTA, returned this week from a five-day camping trip to Steckle Park near Santa Paula.

Adults accompanying the boys included Larry Brown, Joe Helphand, Ray Ramsey, Bill Hixson, and Tony Schnell.

Prior to the trip, physical examinations were given by Dr. W. E. Grubbs.

Boys making the trips included Douglas Wassenberg and Kenny Joe Helphand, assistants to the adults, and Larry Helphand, Ronnie Hixson, Steven Brown, Mike Powers, Dale Fouchaud, Billy Wassenberg, and Bob and David Ramsey.

Cub Pack 730-C
A Sunday picnic at Torrance park was attended by 135 Cub Scouts of Pack 730-C and their families.

All joined in the fun of the egg throwing contest, sack races and many other games. A baseball game wound up the afternoon.

Awards were presented to the following boys: Bobcat pin, Stephen Eide; Wolf badge and silver arrow, Wayne Baldwin, Wayne Wood and Robert Lindsay; Lion badge, Joseph Sheldy; Year pins, Ricky Reihman and Dennis Erickson.

The baseball league is in full swing with three teams fighting for first place. The Cub "Yankees" have a slight lead over the "Tigers" and "Angels."

The August outing will be to the Los Angeles Angels baseball game.

Cub Pack 966-C
Cub Scouts of Pack 966-C had a family picnic at Walteria Park recently and boasted of "loads of good food and games" after the five dens had finished the exciting day.

Later members of the five

Auto Makers Still Working On Device to Prevent Smog

Although the auto industry has been working on air pollution problems for several years, "smog-free" cars have not yet been developed, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

According to letters he received, Hahn said, no solution to the problem of auto smog has been developed and industry leaders decline to say when control devices will be available.

"Correspondence which I have just received from General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., and Chrysler Corp. indicates to me that the automobile industry has not yet advanced from the field of theoretical research to the production of a practical control device."

Speed-Up Urged
"There will be no more major relief from smog until the automobile industry fully accepts its responsibility, and

I believe that the automobile manufacturers should speed up their work on this problem."

"I think that they should put this project on an emergency basis until this problem is solved. The automobile industry has an obligation to the nearly 6,000,000 people in Los Angeles County to do everything in its power to provide control over this major source of smog," Supervisor Hahn stated.

Answer Sought
He recently wrote to the presidents of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., and Chrysler Corp. urging them to "not unnecessarily drag or delay development of this badly needed device to eliminate pollution from the automobile."

He also asked each manufacturer to advise him whether or not the 1958 model production cars would be equipped with a smog control device.

Charles A. Chayne, vice president, engineering staff, General Motors Corp., reported "our engineers have reached the conclusion that the most practical first step toward reducing hydro-carbon emissions from auto exhausts involves home form of vacuum-limiting device in connection with the carburetor. Although the reduction in hydro-carbons that can be achieved by this means appears to be disappointingly small, this represents the most constructive principle that we can offer at this time."

Study Cited
Chayne also stated that "we have been giving considerable attention to some practical means of reducing oxides of nitrogen and of bringing about further reduction in hydro-carbon emissions by means of some type of afterburner of catalytic converter in the exhaust system. Although we have very recently had some encouragement from our work

traffic studies, field surveys and the effectiveness of various devices, has been compiled.

Each automobile manufacturer assured Supervisor Hahn that they were actively working on the project. However, he pointed out that none would give a specific answer as to whether or not they intended to have a control device on the 1958 production automobiles.

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Suitcase Stolen
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Good Drivers Will Get Rewards—Longer-Term Licenses to Drive

Drivers' licenses will be placed on a "merit system" under terms of a new law recently signed by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight.

According to Paul Mason, director of motor vehicles, the legislature has passed a number of new laws designed to protect car drivers and owners. Most of them will go into effect Sept. 11, including the "merit" drivers' license system.

"The driver licensing function is given added effectiveness by new statutes that provide incentive to all licensed drivers to maintain safe records, so that they may be entitled to renew their licenses for five years instead of for shorter periods," Mason said. "This is a major adaptation of a 'merit' system to driver licensing."

Drivers Rewarded
The new license laws will place first-time licensees on a three-year term. If they maintain good records their licenses may become eligible for five-year renewal. If their records show two or more traffic violations in the case of operators, or four or more in the case of chauffeurs, they may receive renewals for probationary two-year terms only.

Failure to renew within 30 days of the expiration date of any license results in limitation of renewal to the three-year period, similar to an original or first-time license. The commission of any felony in which a motor vehicle is involved is grounds for limiting the renewal to two years.

These terms for drivers' licenses are also to be tied in with a new provision establishing the applicant's birthday as the expiration date, in the final year of the term of the license. Adjustment of the current four-year term licenses to the new anniversary date will be made as present licensees apply for renewal. Another new provision permits application for renewal within the six months' period before expiration date.

Promptness Urged
"We believe these changes in the law will encourage drivers to be more prompt in renewing licenses as they near expiration," Mason commented. "The birthday anniversary date will remind every licensee to inspect his license on each birthday, making it easier to remember the legal obligation to keep it valid by timely renewal."

The director cited as another improvement the new provision requiring that operators' licenses be specially endorsed to permit driving of motor vehicles weighing more than 12,000 pounds, or driv-

ing any motor vehicle towing another vehicle weighing more than 6000 pounds.

Currently the Department of Motor Vehicles issues licenses to chauffeurs classified as to type of vehicle to be driven in their employment. The existing law, however, permitted some owner drivers to operate heavy equipment without specific testing of their qualifications.

No Read-a-English?
Another new law will require applicants for drivers' licenses to demonstrate ability to read and understand the simple English used in highway traffic control and directional signs. "This is an essential qualification for every driver in today's traffic conditions," Mason said.

He also commended the legislative enactment of a law requiring that a photograph of the licensee be shown on the face of the license. Mason commented: "The photograph will make the license a better means of identification, and will increase its value in general law enforcement programs." He added that the Department of Motor Vehicles is now studying means of putting this new provision into operation, but the exact effective date has not been determined.

Motor vehicle legislation this year made an important acknowledgment of the heavier responsibility every motorist must carry for meeting the cost of damages in highway accidents, by amending the Financial Responsibility laws. Liability requirement limits are increased from the existing \$5000-\$10,000-\$10,000 minimums to \$10,000-\$20,000-\$50,000 respectively. These new limits generally become operative on July 1, 1959.

Industry Controls
In an entirely different field, under supervision of the Registrar of Vehicles, the director pointed to important advances in automotive industry regulation and control measures. The new auto dealer and wrecker laws, and the vehicle salesman law, widely supported by representatives of the industry, strengthen the protection afforded to purchasers of vehicles against fly-by-night, curbstone, or unethical operators in the field.

"The automotive industry's concern relative to such activities has been as keen as that of the public," Mason said. "We are confident that the new laws requiring bonding, established places of business, and other high standards in these businesses, will have a favorable effect on this very important industry in our state."

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